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| Interview Summary | Application No. 08/238,080 | Applicant(s) Collins et al. |
| | Examiner Dianne Rees | Group Art Unit 1807 |

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Dianne Rees

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(2) Norval Galloway

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Date of Interview Apr 7, 1997

Type: Telephonic Personal (copy is given to applicant applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Yes No. If yes, brief description:

Agreement was reached. was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: all pending

Identification of prior art discussed:

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Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant's counsel discussed that given the teachings available in the art at the time that the invention was made that one would not be motivated to purify a target from a sample of nucleic acids before a PCR reaction for fear of diminishing the amount of target template available for subsequent amplification. The Examiner agreed that this would be a consideration but that it would also be balanced against the consideration of having more of a specific target to amplify and the ordinary artisan would be motivated to choose one particular technique in view of the known tradeoffs that each would offer. Applicant's counsel informed the Examiner that a copending application 08236877 was before the office and that certain claims related to the aspect of reversible target capture has been indicated as free of the prior art. The Examiner agreed to discuss the case with Examiner on that case and reconsider claims related to reversible target capture.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1. It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

Examiner Note: You must sign and stamp this form unless it is an attachment to a signed Office action.